

CTTAB
September 13, 2005 Minutes
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Present Bill Baron Maryann Budlong Deborah Gartside Paul Green Harry Hart, III Pwint Htun Damien Koemans Andrea Lee Huat Chye Lim Manny Ovena Nina Sanders Ken Thompson Excused Todd Achilles Ann Robinson	Visitors Ken Meier Ann Suter Staff Neil Berry Beth Hester David Keyes Jill Novik Terry Wittman
---	--

1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The agenda and July 12, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. SeaStats: Terry Wittman and Neil Berry

Terry discussed the outline and timing of SeaStats: the City is putting existing data on line geographically in three phases: 1) services, by early February; 2) impacts; and 3) statistics. She and Neil have looked at hits on Seattle.gov for usage and talked to departments and Citizen's Service Bureau about requests they commonly get for information. Crime data, she noted, won't be held to the third phase but will be posted sooner rather than later.

Terry will be asking CTTAB at the end of the year to test out the first phase. At the same time, they will be testing the data with municipal jury pools. CTTAB noted that it will be important to get back to one of Rona's early charges regarding this project, to work with citizens to see what data they feel is important to include.

Thompson noted that this could be a first step in getting exciting information out to the neighborhoods – to be interactive and serve as a model for e-democracy. CTC's could serve as locations to learn more about the data.

It was also suggested that there be a push newsletter to citizens, in which they could receive relevant information according to the neighborhood they reside.

3. Community Voices: Beth Hester, SeattleChannel

Hester summarized the new program, which is committed to showcasing the City's diversity and giving a voice to underrepresented communities. Shannon Gee has been hired to run the two year project, which will result in the production of 18-20 short documentaries about people in the community. The first story will be aired on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. and will also be available on demand.

4. Director's Report: CTO Schrier had another commitment, but his report was distributed.

5. Committee Reports

Community technology: Huat Chye Lim

Lim reported that Brendan and Jesse are not longer on the board, and that a new committee chair is needed. In the interim, Lim will chair. The committee is investigating ways to work with PSACT.

Keyes noted that staff have had a couple of debriefings with 2004 CTC projects.

6. Cable Office Report: Jill Novik

Brendan Kao and Kevin Leo have both resigned, leaving two vacancies. Board members are encouraged to solicit members, particularly from the community technology community. Re the latter, the Mayor's Office and CM Compton are both supportive of creating a community technology position, and the legislation to effectuate this change will likely go to Council in the beginning of 2006.

Franchise negotiations: We are making progress and hoping to have negotiations completed in October. Paul inquired about the citizen participation process for franchise review. Jill noted that there are specific requirements for franchises under City law and that since it will be a Council process at that time, they will work within the legal framework to determine the process.

Federal legislation: several Congressional bills are circulating that could have a serious impact on our franchising authority. Tony and Jill are working with our Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to keep our Congressional delegation apprised of the impact some of these bills could have.

7. SCAN Update: Ann Suter

Suter presented a brochure and an update that includes a new schedule with curated programs and video streaming.

8. Open Forum

Damien asked for the follow up on the issue of public comment at meetings. After canvassing several boards and commissions and the Mayor's appointments staff, Novik noted that there is no standard procedure for public comment. In some cases, meetings are held specifically to gather public comment on projects, while in others, there is no opportunity for public comment.

Deborah announced that the Seattle Women's Commission is holding a Women's Summit on September 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

Citizens' Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board Chief Technology Officer's Report 13 September 2005

Most of us at DoIT have been closely following the news about Hurricane Katrina and the suffering of the people of New Orleans and the nearby areas. Many of us want to help. What can we do? Some suggestions:

1. Take care of yourself and your family! We here in Seattle could experience a disaster and could be without outside help for many days. Do you have at least three days food and water at home? Do you have a transistor radio and batteries? The City's Office of Emergency Preparedness has great material online, [including a checklist](#). Take care of yourself, first!
2. Organize your neighborhood to be prepared. [SDART](#).
3. Many of those displaced from New Orleans are now housed in places like the Astrodome in Houston. There is a national Community Technology Center movement, which is helping these displaced people get online and connected with loved ones. They need computers, equipment, donations and volunteers. See www.techforall.org or www.psact.org. Our own community technology program (David Keyes, Delia Burke, Derrick Hall) is active in this movement. You may wish to start volunteering your time with CTC or the Puget Sound Alliance for Community Technology.
4. Rebuilding. Many of us want to help in the first few days after a disaster. But recovering from Katrina will take many years. There will be dozens or hundreds of opportunities for you to help. Consider volunteering some of your free time – starting right now - to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, which undoubtedly will build hundreds of dwellings in the disaster area. See www.habitat.org.

5. Do you know of another organization which could use volunteers? Let D'Anne Mount or Bill Schrier know about the group.

Thanks to the **DoIT web team** for quickly developing a web site to help disseminate information on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, including what people can do to help. See what Seattle and King County are doing now and what they expect to do in the future at <http://www.seattle.gov/html/citizen/hurricaneaid.htm>

City flags will be flown at half-staff until sunset on September 20, following two proclamations released by President Bush. Flags will honor the death of Chief Justice Rehnquist until September 13. They will honor the memory of the victims of Hurricane Katrina until September 20.

In February Mayor Nickel's issued an Executive Order that directs all City Departments to reduce paper use by 15% this year and by 30% by the end of 2006. We're one of the 15 departments that are on track to meet their paper reduction goal. From our baseline of 3740 reams, our goal this year is a reduction to 3179 reams. If we keep going like we are now, our projected usage for the year is 2520 reams. **Go team!!**

On Saturday, October 15, there will be a test of the Audible Public Warning System (APWS) on Seattle's downtown waterfront. It will happen in conjunction with a scheduled WSDOT closure of the viaduct. SDOT has developed a plan for rerouting traffic in the event the viaduct is disabled in some way, and the exercise and planned closure will give them an opportunity to test the plan. APWS is an Emergency Operations Center project, but is managed in DoIT. **Doug King, Lonny Louck, Jolene Luck and Stan Wu** have been deeply involved in design, engineering and construction.

The summer issue of StateTech features an article on our Seniors Training Seniors in Computer Basics program and cites data from our IT Indicators residential technology survey. The article is available at: <http://statetech.texterity.com/home/> Community Tech's **David Keyes** has worked with the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens on this successful project.

To Be or Not to Be: What's Race Got to Do With It?

Where do our perceptions of people of color come from? The media? Film? News? Personal experience? How does that affect workplace expectations? You're invited to attend a forum that explores these ideas through short excerpts from BROWNBOX Theatres Hamlet X, featuring an African American cast. The audience will be invited to participate in facilitated table talks to complete the forum. It's a CityTalks! Forum: 12-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Seattle City Hall. I hope lots of DoIT employees will take part in this event.

Digital Learning Commons – Online Training

Mark your calendar for an interesting brown bag event at noon in City Hall on September 13. Councilmembers David Della and Jim Compton are bringing in speakers on the Digital Learning Commons (DLC), an online learning center that provides up to

14,000 students citywide with online courses, reference tools, aids for college and scholarship applications as well as career planning. Former WA Governor Gary Locke will be there, too. DLC is going to train staff and make the learning commons available starting this fall through our public community center technology learning centers. See www.learningcommons.org

Check out the City's latest environmental news at
http://www.seattle.gov/environment/Documents/newsletter/SustainThis_v9.html